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Letters from Europe's Missionaries

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SPECIAL SEASONS OF PRAYER

All that have a care to walk with God, fill their vessels more largely as soon as they rise, before they begin the work of the day, and before they lie down again at night: which is to observe what the Lord appointed in the Levitical ministry, a morning and an evening lamb to be laid upon the altar. So with them that are not stark irreligious, prayer is the key to open the day, and the bolt to shut in the night. But as the skies drop the early dew and the evening dew upon the grass, — yet it would not spring and grow green by that constant and double falling of the dew, unless some great showers, at certain seasons, did supply the rest; so the customary devotion of prayer, twice a-day, is the falling of the early and the latter dew; but if you will increase and flourish in the works of grace, empty the great clouds sometimes, and let them fall into a full shower of prayer: choose out the seasons in your own discretion, when prayer shall overflow, like Jordan in the time of harvest.

JEREMY TAYLOR

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, ye shall receive them."— Christ's Promise in Matt. 21:22.

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AMERICAN-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS ASSOCIATIONS

The Missionaries of the American-European Fellowship in Europe were forced out of seven countries by the war. They are mostly re-located among refugee colonies in various other countries,—like Rev. John Kovalchuk among the Russians in Argentina, and Charles Lukesh of Czechoslovakia, who has established seven new churches among the Czechs along the Canadian border of Minnesota.

Eight of our workers in Poland escaped capture. Two of these entered Switzerland. With many refugees there, Fred Stettler has become a really welcome evangelist, with daily teaching, prayer and Gospel meetings. His Sundays are divided among six assemblies. Series of evangelistic meetings are frequent, with several yet to come this year. His annual two weeks of daily 5 or 6-hour teaching of the Bible to school graduates resulted this year in all but one turning to the Lord.

Rev. John Mochar, ministering to five churches in Hungary, is again receiving funds, Scriptures and tracts steadily (through Brother Stettler). We hope soon to re-contact Miss Tordis Christoffersen, who has been silent for two years. Her work is now among the Jews in Nice.

In Jaffa-Tel Aviv, Palestine, our Medical Mission and Free Clinic, under Dr. Juk, reported 16,822 patients last year, mostly Jews and Arabs, all of whom heard the Gospel and received tracts and Scripture portions. 1944 will show an increase. A Russian professor from Moscow, Rev. Martzinkovski, recently visited the Clinic, giving a strong series of Gospel sermons in the Hebrew language.

We hope soon to return workers to those war-torn fields of Europe. Hunger for the Gospel is apparent, and candidates are making inquiry for appointment. One soldier wants to go to the Far East, especially to Istanbul.

Our magazine, "The European Harvest Field," published as a bi-monthly during the war, we hope soon to print monthly again. It is in its 25th year, and is our only point of contact with praying and contributing friends in America. It consists mostly of letters from our Missionaries and native workers in the field.

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NORMAN J. SMITH,
General Secretary.

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SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGHER POWERS

Portland, Ore., Sept. 2, 1944.

Dear Praying Friend:

"Even so have these (Jews) also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."—Romans 11:31. This is God's program for Jewish evangelization. He asks each one of us to show mercy to the Jew, even as He, the Lord, has shown mercy to us! God has done His part in showing us mercy and saving us, but have we been doing our part in showing mercy to Israel and seeking to get the message of salvation to them?

Here in Portland the Lord has graciously employed us to aid in getting out the message in a small way. We are seeking to reach the Jewish masses with our monthly "Messenger of Good Will," which I mentioned in a previous letter. The Lord has answered prayer and used these pamphlets.

We have had angry orders from some to remove their names from the mail lists, but on the other hand, we have had requests for additional copies. Some have even sent in names, asking that the witnessing material be sent to a friend who, they thought, would be interested. It is not comfortably easy to work after this fashion, because we all like to see immediate results. But here we sow the seed, and together with you, water it with our prayers and wait for the Lord to bring the harvest. He is faithful and will give the increase if we are faithful in prayer.

Some personal contacts have been very disappointing. People use the old excuses of too busy, some other time, etc.,—just as the Gentiles do. While on a trip the other day, the local pastor took me visiting. He was a fine ice-breaker! As I spoke with one of the Jewish men I began to ask him why he kept the holidays. He admitted that he knew nothing about them, but only kept them as a custom which his mother taught him when a boy. That is so typical of Israel today,—only empty, meaningless customs and ceremonies! How we need to pray for these blinded people.

Will you also pray for me? *I would like to go back to Europe.* Some of my friends are now attending school and getting ready to go out as relief workers. This would take much prayer because of the red tape, as well as the money required to finance such a venture. I need your prayers for our work here also,—whether I go or stay. As the Lord opens the way, we are mailing out more "Messengers." Please pray that He will continue to provide the funds to meet the increased expenses of the work and supply the spiritual needs.

We are praising God for the good news from Europe, and glad that Miss Christoffersen's place of work,—Nice,—has been liberated. We wait to hear how the Lord has worked His will out there. I know this faithful worker needs our prayers as she carries on in such a place. The need of financial support will also be great, and thus I trust also that you will remember her in your prayers.

O. R., the Jewish Coast Guardsman who accepted Christ, needs prayer also. He needs to grow in Christ. The Catholics are still working on him. Satan is at every hand, seeking to snatch away the seed, and if he cannot do that, he will do his best to choke the young plant. But our God is faithful and answers as we appeal to Him to overcome the enemy. May the Lord bless you all. In Christ.

KARL FAULKNER.

REMEMBRANCE OF AN OLD FRIEND

Twice during the present year we have been impressed to write of our dear friend, Rev. Frank McGaw, who passed on to be with the Lord while still on the Mission fields of southwest Africa. Now a letter from his friend, Rev. A. M. Craig, transmits a final message from Rev. Frank McGaw to the readers of the "European Harvest Field." This was found among his personal papers shortly after his death and is repeated on the adjoining page. Mr. Craig's letter follows.

Nairobi, South Africa, May 16.
Received Sept. 5.

American-European Fellowship,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have no doubt you will have heard of the promotion to glory of the devoted servant of God, Rev. Frank McGaw. It may be that I should have written to you earlier, but I am now endeavoring to get all his affairs fixed up, and have just come across your letter to him dated 21st Jan., 1943, and also the one enclosed which he dictated to the readers of "The European Harvest Field."

I am not certain whether it should be sent to you or not, but I have no doubt you will be able to pass it on to the proper authorities. It was probably the last letter he dictated, and certainly the thoughts contained therein were his last thoughts before he passed from this life.

I visited him on the Saturday evening, and his cry then (as ever) was for revival. It was the last thing he said to me, for as I was called to his bed-side early on the Sunday morning, he was unconscious, and he passed to his rest the following Wednesday, the 19th of April, without regaining consciousness. It was the passing of a life which had been well pleasing unto God.

I had known him since practically the first day he arrived in Nairobi, and as I had the privilege of preaching at his Memorial Service, I said there were three things about him that had impressed me during the five past years. *He was a man of Faith in God; He was a Man of Prayer; He was a Man of Action.* If opportunities did not come his way, he made them! What an example he has left us! He has passed into his rest, but his works do follow him. He was fully aware of the need of the world, JESUS, and to this end he gave his life. He never saw the full answer to his prayer in Nairobi, but if we will take hold of the torch which he held forth and pass it on, surely his prayer will be answered, not only for Nairobi, but for America, which was constantly upon his heart. It may be that, although he has passed on, you would still like to have this last letter from him published in "The European Harvest Field," as he desired.

Yours in a Wonderful Saviour,

A. M. CRAIG.

(So this aged man,—87 at his last birthday,—blind and helpless, dictated to a friend at his side this final appeal for a Revival in Nairobi. Born in Evanston, Ill., he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1886, and served the Lord continually as a Minister and Missionary for the succeeding fifty-eight years. Even now his voice speaks and his appeal continues. *"Pray for a Revival in Nairobi."*)

NORMAN J. SMITH, *Editor.*

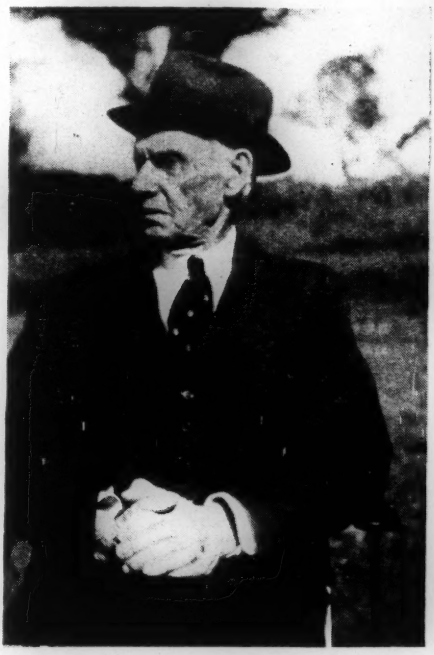
Please ask your book store to get for you a copy of Frank McGaw's important book, "Praying Hyde." It has changed the prayer life of many Christians.

THE FINAL MESSAGE

Rev. Frank McGaw, Salvation Army Hostel,
Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Dear Readers of "The European Harvest Field:" April 2, 1944.

There is just one thing on my heart these days, and that is a Revival in Nairobi. I was thinking this morning of what Jesus said: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." Here in Nairobi there are 50,000 souls,—8,000 Europeans, 20,000 Indians, and the rest are natives. A very large proportion of these *are lost!* Is it not reasonable and right to pray that Jesus may visit us to seek and save the lost?



REV. FRANK McGAW

In other words, *"send us a revival."* Nairobi is a strategic place. Here are the Government headquarters; here are the headquarters of the Salvation Army. They have a dozen or fifteen officers in this city. I am told there are about two hundred stations in all Kenya. The C.M.S. (Church of England) have headquarters here, with their book shops. They have many stations in Uganda. The A. I. M. (African Inland Mission), largely American, have stations in Kenya, especially in the Congo regions. They have a Rest Home here in Nairobi.

There are a number of other Missionary Agencies, which I will not stop to mention. Many Missionaries come into the city for medical treatment. There are good doctors and fairly developed hospitals. Missionaries and settlers from all the region come in for business purposes. There is published here an up-to-date daily paper. It has a wide circulation in all this region of the continent. A genuine Spiritual Revival would re-act in every direction. It would be a special blessing to the citizens of Nairobi, and would also be a blessing to all the Missionaries in general.

In this letter I am not making an appeal for laborers, but that the praying ones who read this message may cry earnestly to God for *a Revival in Nairobi.* In these times of war it is not an easy matter to send laborers into new fields. Some one said recently, "The enemy hems you in on all sides, but he can not roof you over!" Now, Dear Believing Ones, will you not join us and pray earnestly for this Revival? If you can, *go* to the foreign field. But many can pray for the laborers already there. Some one said recently, "The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is the weapon for close, hand-to-hand work; but Prayer is the long-range rifle. With it you can hit the target half-way round the world!"

Dear Readers: I pray that you will not be so filled up with the war news, but that you will give time for the earnest, leading prayer of this request. Brethren, pray for us! By a pleasing co-incidence, the young man at my side who is writing this is Sergeant Norman Smith. I appreciate his kindness. *I am still blind,* but positive that God in His own time will open these eyes. So I send across land and sea this ringing challenge: *Brethren! Pray for Revival in Nairobi!*

Yours very cordially,

FRANK McGAW.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION IN WAR

"It is time to seek the Lord."—Hosea 10:12.

This is a time of trouble. War is always a period of grave danger. Yet perilous times present a great challenge to prayer, because we face our greatest need of the help of God. "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things?"

Periods of wide-spread trouble cause us to think more of God, to seek His pardon, and His interposition against our enemies. In such an hour of public distress we should consider our sins, humble our hearts and confess our utter dependence upon God. In times past He thus spoke to His indifferent people. He broke their hearts with trouble. They fell down before Him, praying for mercy. It should be so today. "IT IS TIME TO SEEK THE LORD." (Hosea 10:12.)

This is our greatest challenge, our clarion call. Let every family with loved ones at the fighting front, and all true patriotic Christians, be aroused and render to God a costly service, by gathering for prayer on this Thanksgiving Day.

If you agree with this Biblical Plan, we urge you to enlist in this army of revival-seeking Christians. Do your utmost to mobilize others, the churches of your community, for Pre-Breakfast and other Prayer Assemblies. Such sacrificial seasons of prayer honor God and insure national blessing.

To help you, *The League* has prepared a large poster for display in churches and public places. Send for your copy now. Get a poster into as many churches as possible.

Great Commission Prayer League,
808 North La Salle St., Chicago 10, Ill.

Kindly send us a list of local ministers you desire covered by our Mailing Department. The new poster will be larger and in patriotic colors and should hang in the vestibule, office and Sunday School rooms of every Evangelical Church in America. Please act promptly, for the time is short. The cost of reaching ministers and active Christians by mail averages four cents each.

ERNEST M. WADSWORTH, *Director.*

"THE WAR SITUATION IS CHANGING"

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 26.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Am sorry to be slow in answering your letter. Perhaps you will understand when I tell you that on July 15 we received a gift from the Lord,—a little son. He is now over two months old, but still requires so much attention that I neglect my letter writing, as well as some other things. We are so happy with him, and have dedicated him to the Lord. We hope that some day the Lord may call him to be a minister or a Missionary.

I hope that all is well with you and also with Brother Smith. Perhaps more of the Missionaries will be writing to you now, since the war situation is changing. I hope that Miss Christoffersen is all right and will soon be able to write again. As to the $45 in my "account," just use it as you see fit. You know where it is most needed, and I am sure the Lord will guide you. I am past the "Missionary age" now, and any way I am sure that the Lord wants my husband and myself to serve in some humble way here at home. There is always the Sunday School, and also Mission work of different kinds to be done here, and I plan to resume my Child Evangelism teaching when "Jimmie" (James Samuel) is a little older. I enjoyed becoming acquainted with the A.-E. F., even though I did have to resign. In His Blessed Name.

CLEMIE (MILES) GREYDANUS.

EUROPE NEEDS USED CLOTHING AT ONCE

With thousands of square miles of Axis-occupied territory in Europe in process of liberation by Allied armies, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, under ex-Governor Herbert H. Lehman, has appealed to church people throughout the country for a supply of used clothing for immediate shipment. The approach of winter has made the need acute and "failure to send an adequate supply of clothing promptly may mean untold suffering!" UNRRA states further that because of civilian and military requirements, manufacture of clothing to help the unfortunate people of liberated European lands will not get under way for some time, and that meantime "*Needy men, women and children in such countries must depend on the help of the American people.*" It is said that the need for clothing in Europe is second only to the continued need for actual materials of war.

WINTER IS NOT FAR AWAY

There are many boys like this in Europe in reach of our forces.

The clothing need not be in perfect repair, but must be such as will be useful to the people who receive it. Cotton garments should be washed, but need not be ironed. Rags, evening clothes, shoes and rubber goods are not wanted in this collection. Upon collection the clothing is to be packed in boxes of fifty to a hundred pounds weight for delivery to the nearest freight station, from which the UNRRA will pay the freight to regional warehouses, where it will be labeled for immediate shipment to Europe. Priority has been granted on shipping space so that the unfortunate people of liberated Europe can be clothed in the shortest possible time. (*This is official and of supreme importance.*) It is anticipated that 15,000,000 pounds of used clothing will be required before winter. If you and the people in your community or church have not acted to meet this emergency, consider it your personal obligation to start the work at once. Your nearest freight agent will co-operate with you; there is no expense for you to meet.—*Editor.*)

SUMMARIZING THE SITUATION

Wars and Missions do not mix, particularly where the militarists hate God and His Son Jesus Christ. Looking backward only six years, when thirty Missionaries supported by or through the American-European Fellowship were laboring inside of Europe, we find that their fields were all in today's war zone,—Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Poland and Roumania. It is hard to find even the countries now, but what of the Missionaries?

Six workers in Poland, if they are yet alive, may be writing to us at any time soon, asking for renewed fellowship and support. Two others from that country, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stettler, were able to enter Switzerland. There they have labored heroically with preaching, evangelism, Scripture and tract distributions, as true evangelists. The last report from Brother Stettler told of his latest series of evangelistic meetings, six full weeks of blessing and conversions. Another series is soon to begin.

With Gospel meetings, prayer meetings, several series of evangelistic meetings in view or planned for at a time, Brother Stettler is not only busy every day in the week, but he writes that his Sundays are so precious that the time is divided between six assemblies. He has just finished his annual two weeks of five or six hours daily Bible teaching to those leaving school, this time with every student but one turning to the Lord.

We depend on Brother Stettler also to maintain contact with several native workers still on the field in several of the countries, ministering both support and spiritual encouragement. Thousands of Testaments, Scripture portions and tracts in several languages are included in his daily seed sowing. Sadly enough, he writes that he has never had so many funerals.

It is hoped he will soon re-open contact with Miss Tordis Christoffersen, our Missionary to the Hebrews from Paris to Nice. No word has come from her since September, 1942, two years ago! Rev. John Mochar, ministering to five churches in Hungary, is again receiving funds, Scripture and tracts steadily,—or was until recently. The last letter leaves this contact open to question, since it reports that one formerly under his care and living in his house—John 21:18. We have a triple interest there, for the one taken is Mrs. Elfrieda Manetz, and Rev. John Mochar's father-in-law is Rev. Kovalchuk, laboring among the Russians in Argentina since the beginning of World War No. 2.

Other workers in European countries, dispersed or hidden by the war, are now coming to light; also new volunteers for service in these fields. One of our American soldiers writes that he would like to become one of our Missionaries in the Near East, particularly in the city of Istanbul!

Our Medical Mission and Free Clinic in Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, Palestine, established some years ago under Dr. James Juk, reported 16,822 patients for 1943, and expects a larger labor for the present year. These thousands,—mostly Jews and Arabs,—receive Scripture portions, Gospel tracts and leaflets, and hear the preaching of the Word or a personal testimony as they gratefully receive free treatment ministered in love through His grace.

To all this was recently added for a season the strong testimony of a Russian Professor from Moscow, Dr. Martzinkovski, who offered them for their acceptance a Jewish Messiah, whom he,—not a Jew—accepted as his own Lord and Saviour many years ago in far-off Russia. What was more remarkable, his testimony and preaching was all in the Hebrew language. Many responded to his invitations to meet his Lord.

We ask your prayer also for Rev. and Mrs. John Kovalchuk, forced out of Poland by the Nazis. He has since been preaching and evangelizing among large numbers of Russian settlers in Argentina. Conversions are frequent. Remember also Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lukesh, two splendid workers we supported in Czechoslovakia until driven out by the war. The Lord has used them to establish seven Czech church groups in Northern Minnesota and along the Canadian border.

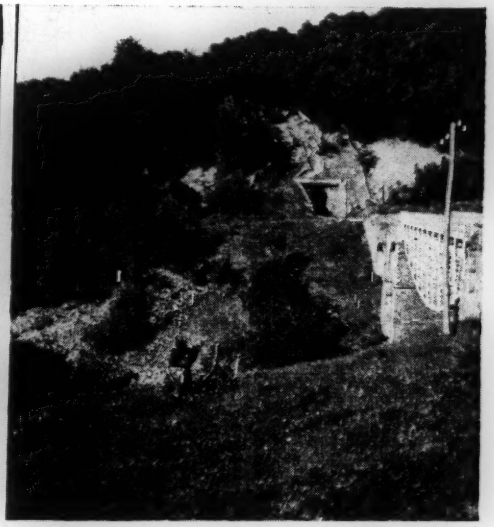
We may only look to God in prayer as the time approaches for again placing our Missionaries on those war-torn European fields. The hunger for the Gospel is already apparent, and we expect a welcome reception for all whom we are able to re-establish there, as well as for the new candidates who ask for the privilege of service for their Lord, even in Istanbul!

It is a blessed privilege to feel that the Holy Spirit searches through the earth for those who have a true testimony to our Lord and Saviour and the salvation promised in His Name, and having found them gives their brothers and sisters at home the important privilege of bearing them before the Throne of Grace in prayer and sustaining them materially. May the Lord so bless you, dear reader. "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory forever." Romans 11:36.

NORMAN J. SMITH, *General Secretary.*

A GATEWAY TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

When you read in the daily news of the Russian armies flowing over into Czechoslovakia to attack the enemy, these two pictures will bring to you a clearer idea of the lovely countryside and the peaceable life of the cities, towns and villages. Compare our own difficulties in securing food stuffs with the real crowd purchasing butter and eggs in Czechoslovakia,—for this is (or was) the corner in Michalovce where both buyers and sellers were sure to be satisfied,—before the war, of course. Should you wish to visit this market, you will find it, or what is left of it, in the very easternmost tip of Czechoslovakia, in the Carpathian mountains. If you are entering C.-Z. from the north, you may pass through the tunnel just beyond the inverted-arch bridge shown in the other picture. At the center of this tunnel, which is 1½ miles long, you will cross the border line from Poland. This type of



bridge engineering is common in C.-Z., and you may be sure the ends of the arch rest securely on solid masonry or rock piers and the arches are probably as strong as the sky-piercing arches with which we are familiar in America.

This is the country where Brother and Sister Charles Lukesh served as Missionaries before World War No. 2. They may eventually return to their former field, but at present are finding plenty to do among the seven Czech Mission Churches they have established along the Canadian border of Minnesota. It was here that many of the Czechoslovakian people settled after being driven out of their own republic by the Nazis. Please remember this dear brother and sister in your prayers, and also pray for peace in their country, which seems to be about to be freed from the powers which seized it at the beginning of this terrible world struggle.

WANTED: Men and Women interested in sending the Gospel and preaching Peace to the Peoples of Europe. Missionaries will be needed as soon as war ends.

AMERICAN-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

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A MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASKS FOR WORK IN BELGIUM

American-European Fellowship, Glendale, Calif., Sept. 3, 1944
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

Would you like to have a missionary to send to Belgium just as soon as possible? I feel the Lord wants me to go there.

Enclosed circulars will tell you that I have been a missionary in Belgian Congo for seven years. I was raised in Belgium and Dr. and Mrs. Kellenberger, American Mission to Lepers, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, can give you information about me. Please let me know as soon as possible. Sincerely yours,

BETTY RUSS.

Dear Friends:-

What answer shall we return to Miss Russ, a returned Medical Missionary from the Belgian Congo? Her life there for seven years would have provided the necessary language requirements, even if she had not been raised in Belgium — where she now wishes to serve the Lord. Are you sufficiently interested to share in sustaining Miss Russ in this new Missionary venture? Out of it will surely come new volunteers for the Belgian Congo, as well as Missionary labors among the Belgians.

—Editor

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH MISS RUSS

Sept. 1, 1944.

"I have called heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:" (*Deut.* 30:19.)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Ps. 119:105.
'The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" Ps. 119:130.

Dear Friends:

When this letter reaches you it will be two years since I came back from the Belgian Congo, Africa, where I spent seven years giving the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people there.

Since my return to the United States, I had about 200 meetings in the East, helped the War Department in New York City last Summer to translate technical military manuals into French for the invasion of Europe and then, in November 1943, arrived in Southern California, the most beautiful country I have ever seen in my life.

I have told you already in my February letter how I like California. The Lord has blessed my work here and has opened many doors of service for Him. In the past six months I have talked in 72 Churches, 47 clubs, 26 public schools and 3 vacation Bible schools. I have shown my colored slides on Belgium and the Belgian Congo 86 times and my sound film about the pygmies in the Ituri forest 5 times. Having no car, I must travel by busses and trolleys for hours. That takes a lot of strength and time, too, with present crowded transportation conditions.

Have enough pictures for at least five or six different talks on Africa. Am still working for the American Mission to Lepers, too, and they send me to talk about the lepers from time to time. In that way I am glad that I can still help my Congo leper friends and I always ask that the offerings given for that work go to the Belgian Congo. Also continue to work for Belgian Relief and for European refugees. We collect good old clothing, mend it and send it to the Red Cross to be shipped across just as soon as the countries get liberated. We knit sweaters for the children and you can see me knit every spare moment, even in meetings. I just started collecting scraps of knitting wool of all colors. They are being knitted

into small squares to be assembled for blankets for Jewish refugee children. An old Jewish lady, who recently accepted the Lord, is doing the work. She is 77 years old.

Every day I have a meeting somewhere, and sometimes even two meetings a day. Many have heard of the work in the Belgian Congo for the first time; many have a greater missionary vision now, and some have a larger interest in the Word of God. However, it is sad to say that many are still very indifferent to the World of God and to missionary work. It is our duty to tell them and the responsibility then rests with them, as the above verse shows. I want to be faithful in giving out God's Word here just as I did in Africa, and I thank all of my friends who are helping me to carry on this work.

Business men still show great interest in the Belgian Congo, and calls continue to come from the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Kiwanis, etc. I tell them of what the Belgian Congo is doing to help us win the war and the part the missionaries have in pioneer work. The Belgian Congo is the greatest producer in the world of radium, diamonds, cobalt and copal, second in copper, tin and palm oil. We get many other valuable things from there.

I have given lectures with pictures to the school children for their Geography and Current Events classes. I show them how awful the heathen are and what a change takes place when the Gospel light has entered into their hearts. Last term they saw the colored slides. The great treat for the coming term is the sound film, which the Belgian Government gave me to use. It was taken just about 40 miles from where I lived in the Ituri forest and is a film which was taken by professionals and cost thousands of dollars to produce. It shows the pygmies capturing an okapi, a very scarce animal. A price of $30,000 had been offered for the capture of this animal alive.

In this sound movie you can see the pygmies building a suspension bridge with wild vines over a crocodile infested stream; then carrying all the supplies across. You see them capture the famous okapi. He is now in the zoo at Bronx Park, New York. Before I show the film, I always give them a talk on how we reach the pygmies with the Gospel. This is a very hard task because these folks have no permanent dwelling places and only stay a few weeks at the same place.

No news from my family in Belgium since D-day. When Belgium is liberated I would like to go over there for a time and tell the Belgians about the Belgian Congo and get some interested in missionary work. Few missionaries can do that because of the language. I am well equipped to do this and therefore think I ought to go.

My Congo friends continue to write, and it is a joy to know that many native Christians are continuing their good work. I was especially happy to know that one of my former medical students, Daudi-Lei, was going to Yakusu to take advanced medical training at a Baptist Missionary Society school. This training will be all in French and I am glad I helped Daudi-Lei with his French. He has a fine Christian wife and six children. A package of clothing is going to him this week to help him and his family. He is taking this special training while the doctor with whom he worked is home on furlough. Daudi-Lei is a fine African doctor and an Evangelist at the same time.

I was in San Diego for a few meetings and also in Tulare, Cal. May be going to Oakland soon for a series of meetings. Met two of my friends who had been students with me at Moody Bible Institute. One of them is married and a home missionary near Tulare, Cal. The other one is matron in a Christian children's home in Los Angeles.

I can send you all this news because some fine friends of mine are printing this for me. They do this work after a hard day's work, their work for the Lord. So please consider this as a personal letter and write to me soon.

Your friend,

BETTY RUSS.

WHAT KIND OF PEACE IS BEFORE US?

As far back as man's record goes, greed, selfishness, avarice, hatred, quarrels and fighting have left their mark on humanity. The Love of God toward man is paralleled by man's inhumanity to man!

This day as plans for the rehabilitation of suffering peoples and vanquished nations begin to take shape and we hope for the end of world-wide war, the ugly rumors of plans and hoarding for a more terrible war cast their shadows even across peace tables.

While civilized and God-fearing men have searched science to its depths for the means and materials that will heal the sick, mend mutilated bodies and almost restore life to the dying, all in the name of brotherly love, another tremendous force, entirely evil and satanic in its source and urge, is doing and thinking and saying the worst that human beings are capable of.

These would prove to us that man was born only to satisfy the cravings of the selfish and avaricious for more gold; to become the slaves of selfish, proud and inhuman rulers, and to fight and die that tyrants may enlarge their borders and add more thousands to their temporary possessions.

If the godly, sympathetic and humane have in recent years greatly advanced in their power to love and care for the sick and suffering, the poor and needy, to comfort those who mourn and to sustain those who are passing through great tribulation, we need not suppose that it is only in recent years that the evil men would do has been multiplied and grown out of a frail and meager initiative, perhaps the second and third generation back.

The evil that men would do has included in its offspring even the hindering, the very prevention of our humane and unselfish ministries to mankind of all the earth. Even those to whom we would minister,—those most likely to benefit by our free labors,—are incredulous of our abilities and skeptical as to our sincerity and the unselfishness of our motives.

History is replete with the good that men have done, but mankind more glibly recites the sin and wickedness, the evil deeds, the murders and wars of which mankind is guilty. "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground" is God's accusation to Cain, whose evil deed is recorded in the fourth chapter of Genesis. Soon after it is written that "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth . . . the earth is filled with violence."

Numberless times between the Flood and the Cross the religious and secular records of all the world is of man against man or multitude, and of the multitude against one or many,—of wars which wiped out whole nations from the face of the earth.

Again it seems that the time has nearly come to end this World War. The larger part of mankind is today looking for the answers to these questions:

What kind of peace do we face?
Will there be peace, or only more war?

And if this shall be the end and our boys come marching back, what have we reserved for them? A thousand answers are offered to that question, and a thousand arguments as to why this or that answer is "impracticable," "untimely" or "impossible." It is the same old world, with the same mankind, powered by good or evil minds and manners.

The Apostle Paul not only was aware of all this, but after all his years of succesfully preaching Jesus Christ as Saviour of the world and Forgiver of sin,—a testimony which won many converts to the Lord whom Paul so unselfishly preached,— he said in parting with them to begin his journey which would end in the violent death which he was fore-warned might await him at the hands of unbelieving Jews in Jerusalem:

"For *I know this*, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock; also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."—Acts 20:29, 30. In the margin opposite this passage, in the Scofield Bible is written:

"The two sources of the apostasy:

"False teachers from without.
Ambitioius leaders from within."

From Paul to the present his warning that men would turn traitors has proved true, and the key which the commentator applied to the machinations of the men of Paul's day will still unlock the secret: "False teachers from without, and ambitious leaders from within." Watch for these if you will, and even warn the brethren which are with you. But the better way is to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

"What kind of peace is before us?" If it is man-made, beware of "False teachers from without and ambitious leaders from within." If it is God's Peace, what have we to fear? There will be no "grievous wolves" entering in and none of our own shall arise, "speaking perverse things."

Let us pray for this Peace, "the Peace of God that passeth understanding."—Phil. 4:7.

NORMAN J. SMITH.

A WORD FROM MISS HALEY

Tel Aviv, Palestine, Sept. 19.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been staying in Jerusalem with an American teacher for the last two months. How grateful I have been for her kind offer of her school room. It is so very hot in my tiny 8x10 foot room in Jaffa, where the hot sun enters all day! That room is very fine for the cold, rainy season. I did so enjoy it last winter. The Lord prepared this cool room for the hot time and the hot room for the cold time. Rom. 11:33 has come to me so many times this summer.

Last week I was in Tel Aviv, and as I turned a corner I met Mr. Isaac Tzalowitz with his friend. He asked me to write to you that day and tell you of his need. One evening when he was in the baker shop at work, some thieves broke into his room and stole all his clothing. Therefore he hopes you will be able to aid him.

I am going back to Jaffa this afternoon by train. It is such a beautiful ride through the hills and valleys. I wish you could get a glimpse of this beautiful land. Today is the New Year's day of the Hebrews, and is also the end of Ramedan, which means a big day of feasting. Then some one else tells us of another group who are fasting because this is the day when they found the cross after it had been discarded!

I am very well at this time. I never hear anything about you. I trust you are well. So many times I have wanted to tell you of the young couple whom you met in my mother's home in Detroit. They have been saved and are laboring in their church. I am told they are willingly working at whatever they can find to do for the Lord, and there is a wonderful change in their lives. They write of their joy since believing and living for Jesus. Sincerely yours. JANE T. HALEY.

THE RUSSIANS IN ARGENTINA

Berissa, August 23, Received Sept. 15.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Your letter of July 11, 1944, with enclosed check, received in due time. We thank you very heartily for your regular help. We are always so grateful to God and all our friends for spiritual and financial help in the work for Him. May the Lord bless you all very richly. The regular allowance that you now send is covering our needs adequately. We do not live in the city, where rooms and everything else are too expensive. We find that living outside the city is much cheaper.

We are glad to say that the Lord is blessing our work, in spite of all kinds of difficulties. With the help of our believers here, we were able to publish several tracts in the Russian language, and thousands of them were distributed free among Russian people over South America. We believe it will not be in vain, but will bring forth a good harvest in their own time. (Isa. 55:10-11.)

Our special services in Buenos Aires, Berissa and other places in the provinces are very successful and are attended by many people. The coming Sunday, the Lord willing, we will have such a meeting in Buenos Aires. We are very thankful for your prayers. Very sincerely yours. JOHN KOVALCHUK.

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THE CHRISTMAS LETTER

Christmas, 1944 (Our 25th Year)

Dear Friend:

Christmas this year will be very much the same as Christmas was last year. Perhaps the world is a bit more war weary. Some of our loved ones are not here, but we do have the assurance that God still reigns, and victory is near.

Let us pray for World Peace as we observe *Christ*mas, and thank God for His greatest gift, the Prince of Peace. We must not commercialize *Christ*mas, but remember and appreciate what *Christ*mas really is to *Christ*ians. The birth of our King can best be remembered with a gift which will enable His workers to proclaim His Gospel in the lands where war has taken such a heavy toll.

With the liberation of some of the European Countries, we feel that it will only be a short while before we will have freedom to continue our work. There is so much to be done, and we will need help by prayer and gift to do it.

During the lean years we have been forced to draw our reserve funds to meet the needs of our Missionaries. Now that fund is showing a "pinkish" if not a red glow. We must rebuild it! Every extra undesignated gift that is put into the enclosed special offering envelope will be used for this rebuilding. Gifts for regular support will, of course, be credited as usual. We suggest use of the convenient return envelope—with accurate address of our Society.

We still await direct word from Miss Christoffersen, but through a near friend we learn that she is well, and that, although forced to move to another part of France, she continues her work. As soon as the channel is clear, funds will be sent to her directly. We are sure the way will open very soon. Our work in Palestine (Medical and Spiritual) is extremely heavy, deserving your attention.

"For God so loved the world, that He *gave* His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE."

Surely we are thankful for God's greatest gift! May God grant you a blessed Christmas, with peaceful years ahead.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Norman J. Smith

General Secretary-Treasurer

IT HAPPENED ON CHRISTMAS EVE

It was Christmas Eve, 1875. Ira D. Sankey was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm, starlight evening, and there were many passengers gathered on deck. Mr. Sankey was asked to sing. He stood leaning against one of the great funnels of the boat, and his eyes were raised to the starry heavens in quiet prayer. It was his intention to sing a Christmas song, but he was driven almost against his will to sing "The Shepherd Song."

There was a deep stillness. Words and melody, welling forth from the singer's soul, floated out over the deck and the quiet river. Every heart was touched.

After the song was ended, a man with a rough, weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey and said, "Did you ever serve in the Union army?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlight night in 1862?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, very much surprised.

"So did I," said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post I said to myself, 'That fellow will never get away from here alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to Heaven and began to sing! Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger.

"'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself. 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.' But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly:

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way.

"Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon; otherwise much in my life would no doubt have been different.

"When you had finished your song it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought, 'The Lord, who is able to save that man from certain death, must surely be great and mighty,' and my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side.

"Since that time I have wandered about, far and wide, but when I just now saw you standing there praying as on that other occasion, I recognized you. Then my heart was wounded by your song. Now I ask that you help me find a cure for my sick soul."

Deeply moved, Mr. Sankey threw his arms about the man who in the days of the war had been his enemy. And that night the stranger found the Good Shepherd as his Saviour.

Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. . . . I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:11, 9).

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THANK YOU!

Dear Friends:

The response to the Christmas letter that we mailed on December 7 has warmed our hearts. I wish you could have heard me say "Thank you!" as each gift envelope is opened. We do appreciate your generous help, and the way each friend has "risen to the occasion." Your help will do much to relieve the suffering in our fields of work. We have requested remembrance of our work in prayer, and surely you are doing so, because

"The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear.
And then it lifted,—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer!"

Some friends have asked for "definite prayer requests, that prayer might be offered more intelligently and personally," instead of praying for the whole work only. Of course, we need prayer every day, but there are occasions of special need for a blessing; or a Missionary or worker is in tribulation, persecution or suffering. For our Prayer Groups and all praying friends, we hope to concentrate on one page in the magazine "Special Prayer Requests" in each issue. Let us pray, too, that the magazine may soon be sent out every month. There will soon be great need for it.

When your own prayer requests come in, we are glad to mingle them with prayer for our Missionaries, remembering our American friends and their loved ones, too. May God bless you, every one.

Florence J. Mitchell

WHAT DOES YOUR POST-WAR PLAN INCLUDE?

This article by the President of the Central National Bank, Yonkers, N. Y., is not emphasizing the Spiritual life, but its suggestions are full of common sense and valuable for us all in the post-war days:

Much thought has been given, many plans already have been proposed, many more are in the making for our post-war world. It is interesting to notice, however, that much as we speak and think and plan for a better world, very little of our thinking has been done except in terms of material things. Greater comfort—easier ways of living—shorter working hours—helicopters in our garages—speed—ease—leisure, all are held out to us, but pitifully little has been said about what makes for a better world and what we shall have to do and do without, to attain it. Not much to date has been mentioned about old-fashioned religion and its important place in every day life, if the world is to be better and stay better.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

We request our readers to remember in prayer our work and our workers, and particularly the following:

1. Miss Tordis Christoffersen and her labors among the Hebrews in the south of France, that direct mailing contacts may soon be perfected again.
2. Our Bulgarian, Albanian and Hungarian Missionaries in war-torn Europe.
3. Mrs. Elfrieda Manetz and Baby Mary, asking for release from the Concentration Camp.

NEWS FROM THE MID-WEST TERRITORY

Rev. A. F. Scorza, Field Secretary

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Greetings to you and all the friends of the Head Office, particularly Brother Smith. I trust the Lord is raising him up from his affliction to bring him back to the work he loves so much. I love to believe that all is well with you, and that the dear Lord is blessing every effort put forth in the new Gospel Invasion of Europe.

Upon my return from a Missionary Conference recently, an article appearing in a Michigan paper stirred the Chicago Council members to a great deal of interest, and they have requested me to give you a resume, and to send it, together with a report on the Clothing Drive results, to your office for publication in the next number of *The European Harvest Field*. Also I am sending you a copy of a letter that we recently mailed to our Western friends. Yours for victory through Christ.

A. F. SCORZA.

CHURCH MISSION WEEK IS REPORTED
BALES OF CLOTHING GOING OUT
MAKING READY FOR A GOSPEL INVASION

Again, dear friends, I feel it is a rare privilege to communicate to you through the medium of these columns. How good the Lord has been to us, during these critical war days! How His sufficient grace has sustained us. How His unnumbered benefits have been showered upon us. For all this and more, we praise Him, and the Chicago Council members share in this testimony.

The first caption refers to an eight-day Missionary Conference, with nine Churches cooperating. Nine Missionaries rotated in speaking in these various Churches, set apart in an area of about 30 miles. Approximately 6500 persons were in attendance and $800.00 over and above expense was given to the Boards represented by the Missionary speakers. This was pro-rated according to the number of services conducted. Our Fellowship was represented by the undersigned and he reports having received as much blessing as the others did.

This occurrence was the annual World-wide Missionary Conference, which was held October 15-22 inclusive simultaneously in nine Churches, located in Eastern Michigan. According to the report printed in the *Fundamental Fellowship*, published in Detroit, issue of Nov. 26, and given by the Rev. Ralph D. Rhoads, pastor of First Baptist Church, Romeo, Mich., hub of the inter-Church program:

"A number of conversions were reported from the services conducted by Missionaries and several offered themselves for full time Christian service. Pastors of cooperating churches have reported greatly increased interest in the Missionary cause and one pastor said: 'This conference did more for our Church than any evangelistic campaign we've ever had.' Another pastor said: 'I learned more about Missions and Missionary boards in one week than I have known all my life! If we ran our Church the way we have handled our Missionary program, we would just go *"flop."*'

"The involved program, in which missionaries rotated among the Churches and which included a Saturday night banquet at the Romeo Church, went off without difficulty of any kind. 'There wasn't a hitch anywhere,' said Rev. Mr. Rhodes. 'Every speaker was where he was supposed to be at the appointed time.' The afternoon symposiums were reported by several pastors as being the most helpful features of the program. 'These afternoon discussions gave our people the very information they needed,' said one pastor. 'They got first hand information on Missionary Boards, the problems involved in getting Missionaries to the field, keeping them there, and caring for their families and educating their children.' "

The Missionary Banquet at which each Missionary related his most thrilling experience, attracted a crowd which packed the dining hall facilities of the Romeo Church

RELIEF ON THE WAY TO EUROPE

I believe our friends who stand with us in prayer and giving would like to know that since early last August, when Rev. Francis J. Panetta of New York City came to Chicago, he urged the formation of a Committee to cooperate with the Evangelical Commitee for Relief in Italy and in our Evangelistic and deputation work, including the appeal for clothing. This has been done in more than thirty Churches and over Radio Stations in Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo., and parts of Michigan and Illinois. The result is very gratifying, as bales of clothing have been sent to the New York headquarters, 395 Broome St. One Chicago Church alone has sent a thousand pounds of selected ready-to-use garments. One Italian brother in Christ, a shoe repairer, has donated fifty pairs of shoes out of his shop.

Notwithstanding the fact that many thousands of pounds,—or rather tons,—of clothing have been shipped to Italy, we hear that the gymnasium and other halls of the Broome St. Tabernacle resemble a clothing factory. We trust that the shipping facilities improve and that not only our unfortunate brothers in Italy, but throughout liberated parts of Europe all may be supplied with the necessary things of life.

How helpful this phase of our work will prove to our Missionary cause when doors open again is self-evident, but better yet, we shall long to hear the Saviour's commendation: "Come, ye blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you." and later, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me." Matthew 25:34, 40.

Yours For His Soon Return,
REV. A. F. SCORZA, *Field Secretary*,
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Dear Christian Friend:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Again the world is at the cross roads. Which way will it go? Big things seem to be in store for it: The Four Freedoms, New Airways, More Friendly Relations between Nations, and The One World Idea. All these well-meaning aims may be realized; but again they may not. Whichever way the world of tomorrow goes will not matter much if "We whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high, Shall we to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?"

God pointed out *ONE REMEDY* and one only for a sin-sick, bankrupt, despairing world, and that remedy is in our possession as stewards of the manifold grace of God, in virtue of the fact that we are members of the Body of Christ, the Church. We often hear the expression, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." What other generation can we evangelize than ours? And if it should be done, it must be done at once. The heathen are increasing faster than we can reach them with the Gospel. When this cruel war is over, whatever we may be permitted to do in this direction, it must be done at once; no time should be lost. The peace period may be brief. New hatred may erupt in various places and, as it has been well said, "Help must not come, as in the Chinese lend-lease, *Too little and too late.*"

Many are asking, "Will airplanes be used to carry our Missionaries swiftly to their destinations?" "Will the Radio play an important part in preparing the fields

for the Missionary?" These questions, and others as well, can best be answered by the Churches themselves, for in the proportion that gifts increase, in that proportion new means and methods can be used.

After you have read the enclosed pamphlet, we are persuaded that, as a friend of Missions, you will join with us in more definite earnest prayer that at least one hundred new workers can be sent out to that part of the earth where so often world wars originate: Europe, called by some "The Storm Center of the World." Pray that our Fellowship may help materially in rebuilding the most affected part of that continent with the healing balm of Gilead, "The Gospel of Redeeming Love." Our Council would like to hear from you. Perhaps your Church group may wish to learn further of this work as it is progressing. Should that be the case, kindly get in touch with our Field Secretary, and a Missionary speaker will be sent to you.

Yours for Victory through Christ,

CHAS. A. PORTER, *Chairman,*
A. F. SCORZA, *Field Secretary.*

A COURSE OF STUDY FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

American-European Fellowship,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

New Castle, Delaware,
December 4.

Dear Friends:

We are interested in establishing here at The King's College a course of study which would especially prepare young people for Missionary work. Accordingly, we shall appreciate your sending information concerning your requirements for Missionary candidates and what educational qualifications you stipulate. We should also like to know of any especial courses of study you require or recommend.

Faithfully yours,

R. FENTON DUVALL, *Registrar.*

Dear Mr. Duvall:

We pray for the success of your effort to prepare Missionary Candidates for service. If any suggestions can be made by us to forward the labor and bring good results, we will appreciate the opportunity.

Naturally, with our Missionaries scattered all over continental Europe, we think of language requirements first. Lacking this, there is quite a long delay after arrival of the candidate on the field, before they can speak with understanding. I wish there was some method of testing a candidate's primary capabilities in this direction. Some become wonderfully efficient in a short time; others are dismal failures, and so our investment in them really amounts to a financial loss. In some other field or remaining in their native country, they would probably become efficient Gospel messengers quickly and labor efficiently and successfully.

In many of the countries, even in Europe, sanitary conditions are a great hindrance, often dangerous to health. Good health is a prime requisite for a Missionary, and a careful study of sanitary rules and ordinary nursing and health protection is a good investment toward a long and fruitful ministry. Invalidism or temporary attacks of even light illness must be and can be escaped.

Perhaps only a limited comment need be made regarding the religious side of preparation, but the Spiritual state must be strongly developed if the candidate is to arrive at a genuine soul-winning ministry. The "theology" of a candidate must be simple and clear, grounded on the Holy Word beyond the reach of all doubts and wavering;—so sure in Spirit and Truth that even a poor linguist will command respectful attention and cause the hearer to respond "in faith believing."

The native audience or individual must find Jesus Christ in the Missionary's life and testimony. That is the only true measure of his or her proper training for service in any field on the earth. Sincerely and cordially yours,

NORMAN J. SMITH, *General Secretary.*

MISSIONARY LIFE AND WORK IN EUROPE

There is time now, before the strenuous Missionary labors in post-war Europe demand all our attention, to draw a few interesting pictures out of the countries surviving the continent's First World War. Testing times and incidents of those days may be profitably studied today, even lending emphasis to our prayers. An occasional picture will be used to renew old acquaintances.

Missionaries or Soldiers

Vasil Angeloff arrived in his native land in April or May, 1938, and at once took up an itinerating ministry which he had planned for his first summer at home. On July 18 an official order came giving him only two days to prepare for war and to appear at a military camp near the Turkish border of Bulgaria. There he began his term of service or, rather, training for war. He wrote us thus: "According to the Bulgarian laws, I should have been exempt. . . . But even so, God's plan to save souls has not been altered!"

Rev. Vasil Angeloff

He Is Still Preaching

"During June and July I traveled 1336 miles on my bicycle. It is not very easy to make these long trips."—John Gonak, Missionary in Carpathian Russia before World War No. 2. *Editor's comment*: "Any Missionary who can push a bicycle 1336 miles through the mud and dust and sand and over hill and dale in Carpathian Russia and still find time to preach such a Gospel that souls are being won for the Lord is deserving of a motor cycle!"

The Poland of 1938

"Poland has ever so many young men who would gladly become servants of Christ, but they can hardly read and write in many cases, and Bible Schools,—we have none. We intend to give them a three-months Bible course, starting October 1, 1938. . . . But where shall we put them? How shall we feed them? We can only pray, and by a miracle of God we believe some solution will be found."

That solution must have been removal of the Stettler family across the border to near-by Switzerland, where he has worked mightily with war all around him. A recent letter showed that he had developed meetings, prayer meetings and Bible classes for every week day and at least six meetings on Sundays, with quite a number of evangelistic campaigns "in between." Some of those Polish young men Brother Stettler planned to educate for the Lord's work must have found their way across the border and into his Bible classes.

STETTLER.

Famine Days in Bulgaria, 1925

(Mishkoff)

Rev. Paul L. Mishkoff (since deceased) wrote: "My pen is not able to describe their lot. . . . It is a deep tragedy!" He had just discovered 85 Armenian refugees living in a stable in a Bulgarian city. "No money, no food, no work, no friends." "Why do you cry?" I asked one aged woman, after trying to make her a bit comfortable. "Because you are so kind, and there was nobody left to be kind to us."

MISHKOFF

He Changed His Mind

"What a disappointment was Koci! His baptism was a unique testimony. Headed for Bible School, he remained unmoved by his uncle's tirade: 'Your mother lost her husband twenty-four years ago; now she loses her son. As for you, Koci—go! A pleasant journey! But never call me "uncle"; never call her "mother." You shame the living and the dead!' All formalities were faced, outfits secured, suit case packed and bus reservations made. The past few days the mother seemed reconciled; but an hour before bus time she and other relatives staged such a hysterical demonstration that he changed his mind. It was unbelievable! But 'Dis-appointment—His appointment,' and Romans 8:28, and Peter's denial: so we are waiting quietly the come-back, and by the Holy Spirit expect a yet greater victory."—Edwin and Dorothy Jacques in Albania before the war.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—2 Peter 3:9.

A STUDY OF MISSIONS IN EUROPE

The Value of Tract Ministry

"It is evident that the preparation of monthly four-page tracts in two languages takes some time, but the correspondence resulting from the distribution takes still more time. Let us give you a glimpse of this line of work. . . . Received a letter dealing with the distribution of tracts by one of the 250 co-workers in this line of work. Beside the expressions of appreciation, etc., the writer asks some questions on such matters as the everlasting life, punishment, annihilation and second chance and if the teachings of Christ are to be all taken as parables. Evidently the result of the various 'isms' vigorously propagated. . . . I would not weary you by recounting the various expressions of thanks coming from all parts of the country. For instance, K.L. mentions his appreciation for the faithful supplying with tracts for over seven years. His prayer is that more workers may be willing to enter the ripe harvest field. . . . So much more we do appreciate such volunteer workers, who distribute the tracts prayerfully, from their own interest in the work. Some even send a mite for postage, making it a sure enough work of love for perishing souls. Thus we are glad to send even 500 on special occasions to such sincere workers. . . . It is a marvel what the Lord has done with the slender help that we have been receiving, for this is not a spasmodical work, to make a big showing for a season, but regular, progressive work. Have continuous requests that we are unable to fill for tracts that have been issued years ago, and are long out of print. Just had a card requesting six numbers of fine tracts, but how can we supply them when all below the number 106 are no more in stock? . . . Since we offer in our tracts information in regard to salvation, it is but to be expected that we receive requests for Bibles in various forms, and as a sequence are expected to have a depot for selected literature. Pray with us, please, for devoted young helpers, who will have the work at heart,—no hirelings."

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lukesh

As Rev. and Mrs. Lukesh zealously worked to spread the Gospel in Western Czecho-Slovakia, they saw the war clouds gather and break, and they had the choice of suffering on in silence, with daily risk of loss of their lives; or moving to a new field where many of their people preceded them. When finally driven out of the country, they found new labor among the Czecho-Slovak people in Northern Minnesota, along the Canadian border. Here they have already established seven churches.

By the Black Sea

Ilie Hamaluic (Roumania): "Because of the many difficulties which have crossed my pathway during the past few months (1937), I have been unable to write to you. But, knowing that you are interested in our work here, I must tell you that God is blessing us in spite of persecutions which come from many sides. We are still under a cloud and do not know what the result of the recent orders from the Ministry of Religion will be, but our trust is in God. We are always busy, even though we cannot contact many villagers. . . . Ten new members were admitted to the Siret meeting by baptism just before our Sister Hill left us. We miss Sister Hill very much indeed, and only now realize what a great part she took in every branch of the work. May God bless us all as His children and enable us to go on."

We believe all their territory is now alive with Russian soldiers of the "Red" armies, driving west toward Germany.

Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy
Retired Albania Missionaries

THE CLINIC IN PALESTINE

Patients Last Year Numbered 16,822 and Need the Prayers of Every Reader

At Joppa by the Sea

Dr. James Juk

"You may not know that the present city of Jaffa, where our work is now going on, was called "Jaffa" in the times of the Apostles (see Acts 10:5). To the tourists who must land at this port on their way to Jerusalem are shown ruins of the house where Peter prayed 'upon the house top' before going to answer the call of Cornelius. . . . We now have at our disposition a whole floor,—a doctor's room, dressing rooms, a large veranda which serves as a waiting room, and other rooms which, if God will enlarge our work, will be utilized for different purposes in connection with our labor in the Clinic. . . . The inhabitants of the district where the Clinic, God willing, will be in operation are very poor and not able to afford for themselves the prescribed medicines, and we ask His children in America to meet at least partly this important need of our work. . . . It is interesting that the first cleaning of our Clinic rooms was done by our first patient. About a month ago I was called to visit a Jewish man who was ill and almost blind, being infected with trachoma. It gave me joy to see him so far recovered that he could help us in preparing for the reception of other patients yet to come."

Has the small beginning developed into a successful Clinic? Read further, from a recent letter: "Sometimes it happens that upstairs, corridor and waiting room are all crowded with poor sick people. Every day when the Clinic is in operation, a crowd of people wait in the morning in the street before the front door until the Clinic is opened." ("But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion."—Matt. 9:36.) A survey of last year's work showed that a total of 16,822 patients were treated last year. Every one of them received written, printed or oral testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Yes, the work is successful, and we are seeking new partners to pray and contribute to this ministry to the Jews, Arabs, Turks and others who seek treatment for their bodies. Dr. Juk insists on the Eternal Life treatment for their souls also.

THE MOST INTERESTING STORY I EVER HEARD

By DR. BOB JONES, *Evangelist and founder of*

Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.

The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountainside in Arkansas. Here's the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, of course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

"One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday School just once. A woman taught the Sunday School class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man—I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all

people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?' "

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor and he came, mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe in it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So, I said, 'All right, my son. I will get you the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now, understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing. I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a heaven I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me.'

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak and trembling voice. 'For God so loved the world', 'For God so loved the world'; 'He gave His only begotten Son', 'He gave His only begotten Son'; 'that whosoever believeth on Him', 'that whosoever believeth on Him'; 'should not perish', 'should not perish'; 'but have everlasting life', 'but have everlasting life'. 'Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several time, 'For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, whosoever . . . *whosoever* believeth, *believeth* in Him, *believeth in* Him.' Then he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, "It works." ' I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, "It works.' "

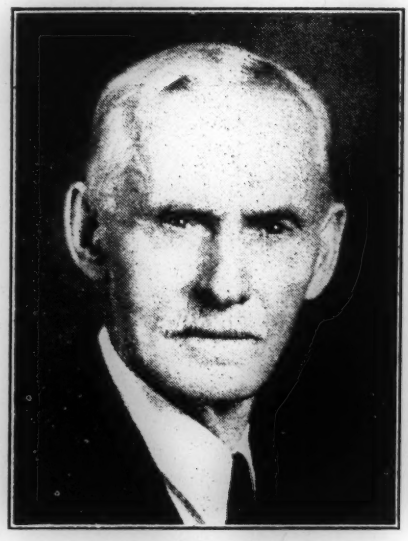
The old man wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face, said. "The lad was right. It *does* work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has *now* everlasting life. *It works. I know it works!*"

Our Dear Orphanage Property in Poland

Brother McGaw best described it: "Villa Bethel is a property at Radosc owned by the American-European Fellowship. It is now used for 'Fresh Air' or 'Colony' work since the days of Grace Mott and Jean Rhode. . . . Six acres of lawn and garden, trees and shrubs, walks and drives make a fine place for poor little city children to enjoy God's sunshine and the great outdoors even for two weeks. . . . This summer Miss Christoffersen has had five groups —about 170 boys and girls in all—and also a group of mothers with little ones at the close of the season. The great old house, with its bright, airy rooms and clean beds, furnishes a wonderful contrast to the filthy barracks or the dark, smelly basements and all that goes to make up life in the Warsaw Ghetto! The large south veranda is where they eat the nourishing soup, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and bread and butter, with meat three times a week! On this wonderful veranda also they gather for meetings, when they recite the verses which they have recently committed to memory. Here they sing the blessed Gospel songs, many of which are melodies and translations of the Gospel songs we sing in America."

But, Oh! Those days are past and gone. Pray to God that they may soon come again and that this blessed labor among starving and needy children may be resumed in full measure! We had to lease the property recently, through the stewardship of Brother Fred Stettler in Switzerland, so that the poor Polish neighbors would not steal the wooden fence which surrounds this lovely home spot.

How we would like to see Jean Rhode work there again, with other groups of poor children, Hebrews, Poles, others,—like those shown in the story-telling picture on the front cover of this magazine!



Rev. Frank A. McGaw

Another Echo From Brother McGaw's Life

In Poland at the time. "The language is still here, but not in my head! I'm driving my teacher frantic, I'm afraid, with my dumbness, but there are some sounds I just simply cannot seem to make, so please pray that the Holy Spirit will loosen my tongue that I may speak forth the wonderful things of God in the Polish tongue. But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Him more and more." I took it for a real message to me. . . . Praise God . . . He's such a patient, kind, loving Father, isn't He? Even to such foolish children as we are!

Prepared to Serve

Miss Haley's preparation included the full course at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; graduation from the Citizens' General Hospital, of New Kensington, Pa.; Post-Graduation work in the Children's Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; seven years of private nursing, and a final year of service in the Children's Hospital, in Detroit.

Miss Jane Haley

WILL YOU PRAY FOR THIS PAGE FULL?

If the line really breaks and the Nazis drive off the Allied forces the boundary of Germany on the north, Italy on the south, France on the west and Austria on the east would seem to put non-combat ant Switzerland in an unenviable position. We remind our readers of this possibility only that they may pray more earnestly for our Brother and Sister Stettler and their dear family. All through World War No. 2 our brother has labored so earnestly and successfully for the Master, and his present calls for Gospel meetings, evangelistic campaigns and Bible Class teaching are so insistent and so fruitful, that surely the Lord will answer our prayers for the whole Stettler family. The central hub from which this missionary visits his present field is probably fifteen miles north and west of Bern, the capital of the country. This city has a normal population of over 100,000, comparable to Albany, N. Y. The whole country has less than 4,000,000 population, now much increased by the influx of refugees. The sufferings of this class of people during the war probably opens their hearts to the Gospel. Where else can they go but to the Lord? Whether the Nazi armies return or not, Brother Stettler has been over-burdened with opportunities to minister to hungry souls. Pray much for his health and strength in the Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Stettler and their family

Likewise our Brother and Sister Kovalchuk, Russian Missionaries who went from Carpathian Russia to our headquarters in Radosc and finally settled among the large Russian colonies of Argentina, South America, have a heavy missionary task. They have the ability of organizing the young people into true Gospel choirs, singing Gospel songs mostly in the Russian language. Thus many hundreds are drawn to hear the music, and stay for the Gospel preaching of Brother Kovalchuk. Baptisms are frequent and our brother and his wife have much joy in the Lord over many sinners converted in their ministry. What the future holds for the Argentine, and other South American states where the Russians have settled is unknown, but these faithful Missionaries are turning many of the foreign settlers in these countries to the Lord. These faithful and worthy servants of the Master are always needful of prayer support, and will sincerely appreciate your partnership with them. The sending of financial support to them is unhindered, and funds for tract ministry and Scripture distribution will be thankfully received and wisely invested to the winning of souls and the Glory of the Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. John Kovalchuk

OUR CITIZENS IN A GERMAN PRISON CAMP

The State Department says the Nazis hold 200 claiming to be citizens of the United States who are being denied legal rights. Some 200 persons claiming United States citizenship are being held in a German camp without recourse to their rights or the protective interest of the Swiss government.

The State Department disclosing this Nov. 11 and said an effort is being made to learn the names of the 200 and to arrange for their transfer to an internment camp where they would be accorded full rights under "existing international agreement and practices."

The camp in which they are held is at a place called *Bergen Belsen*, near Hanover, the Department said. It added that the German government has not allowed either Swiss representatives or International Red Cross delegates to visit there.

"In order that the Department may assemble as much information as possible in the matter," the department's announcement said, "persons having information indicating that specific individuals with valid claims to American citizenship are detained at Bergen Belsen are requested to provide the Department with such information as they may possess."—"Herald Tribune"

PRAYER CAN REUNITE THIS FAMILY

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28.)

The blessed year of 1944 is rapidly drawing to its end. Many things have happened during this year, both good and evil. Seemingly there was more evil than good. The greatest good is that the Gospel of Christ was preached and sinners turned from their wickedness to Christ and found peace and eternal life. (John 3:16; Rom. 5:1.)

During the summer I had the blessed privilege of witnessing to the red cross grace and keeping power of my Lord and Saviour in the open air. The Eighth Avenue Mission has been holding gospel meetings in Madison Square at 23rd St. for years. God has graciously blessed the testimony of redeemed men and women in that particular square every Lord's day at 4 p.m. Many precious souls were saved. (Acts 16:31.) Many came to the Mission at evening service after receiving invitation at the Square and accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Glory to God forever. (Rev. 4:11.)

It will be four years on Christmas eve since I returned from the Mission field in Europe. I left my wife and daughter, Mary in Bustino, Carpathian Russia, when she was only six months old. God has graciously preserved them all these years. It is now one year and three months since I heard from them through the American Red Cross.

The last news I received was from Fred Stettler in Switzerland, as follows: "The other day I got a letter from Mrs. Manetz. She has changed her address and is no more with Rev. John Mochar. She wishes to leave the scripture verse (John 21:18) with us." By this scripture she gave hint that she has been taken prisoner by the Germans. But Romans 8:28 still stands good and gives me great comfort. Nothing will happen to His children without the permissive will of God.

Please pray for my dear wife and child that God may intervene in their behalf and that we may be reunited in His own way and time. It is my desire and prayer that God may lead me in full time service wherever His holy will for me may be.

PHILIP MANETZ.

FROM THE LORD'S WITNESS IN FLORIDA

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 18.

Dear Brother Smith;

You have not had many letters from me this year. It was to spare you. But you have had the prayers of my heart for your great ministry and for physical strength to carry on. God has heard the prayers of His children in your behalf. It has come to my notice that you are stronger now than you have been for a long time. I do praise God for His gracious undertaking in your behalf.

With the added responsibility of the Treasurership, we shall endeavor, D. V., to remember you more frequently. We are now praying for a good response to your Christmas letter, and we are also glad to be able to send a check for ten dollars from our fine Prayer Group because of it.

The Lord has also heard prayers in my behalf. The car provided for my ministry here this past year, and the gas with which to run it, have been among the answers. The driver's license has now been secured, enabling me to make calls freely in homes scattered over a wide area here in St. Petersburg. There have been manifestations of God's blessing upon this ministry of personal evangelization. I shall endeavor to give a short report soon.

This week is a busy one. I am preparing for the one social of the year for our prayer group. Dr. Dolman, who has had thirty years of experience in Jewish work in Hamburg, Germany, will meet with us, and will bring us an inspiring message, I am sure. The Social is given to thank the faithful praying partners and to stimulate interest among those who come in once in a while. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely yours.

JEAN RHODE.

Dear Readers;

You have Miss Rhode's picture and fine evidence of her sincere work among the poor children in Poland before the Second World War. I am very sure that her present testimony to the Hebrews in Florida is just as sincere and will have the Lord's blessing upon it. It is not an easy task to bear witness to the Hebrews, even here in America. If you can reailze that, and understand that Jean is witnessing "in spirit and in truth," you will want to have a share in her upholding, both by prayer and gift. Look at Miss Rhode's picture and pray for a continued harvest like the picture on the front cover shows.

NORMAN J. SMITH,
General Secretary.
American-European Fellowship.

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